

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Jamaica
Program Title:	Strengthening Democracy and Governance in Jamaica
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	532-008
Status:	Continuing
Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:	\$2,800,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$2,500,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2001
Estimated Completion Date:	FY 2005

Summary: USAID's democracy and governance program in Jamaica intends to lower the high levels of crime and violence that impede Jamaica's development. The program works to: increase participation of civil society in issues of governance; improve community-police relations; and improve the efficiency of the justice system by providing technical assistance and training to the Ministries of Justice and National Security, the Jamaica Constabulary Force, and nongovernmental organizations. The program also promotes civic participation through and public awareness and education initiatives.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2003 Program:

Engaging civil society in issues of governance (\$1,000,000 DA). Through a small grants program, USAID will support technical assistance and training to approximately 20 NGOs for organizational strengthening and strategic planning. Technical assistance will help the network develop common agendas, platforms, action plans, and approaches to advocating issues. NGOs will be assisted on a phased-in basis. In collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Culture, a pilot civic education program in schools will be undertaken. No principal contractor has been identified at this time.

Improve community-police relations (\$1,500,000 DA). USAID, through the Police Executives Research Forum, will fund assistance to the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) to develop the policies and procedures required to establish the internal operating structure of a model police station that operates using a community policing methodology. Police officers from the Grants Pen (one of Kingston's most volatile inner city communities) district station will be trained in tactics that facilitate safe and effective community policing. Community-based training and a school mentoring program will be initiated to ensure that residents understand the community policing philosophy and their rights and roles. A USAID-funded advisor will continue to work with the Ministry of National Security, JCF, the private sector, and community residents to implement strategies that foster good relationships between the community and police. Principal grantees are the Police Executives Research Forum and local NGOs.

Improve the efficiency of the justice system (\$300,000 DA). In order to establish a comprehensive automated case flow management system, USAID will fund technical assistance and training for the judiciary staff of the 23 Resident Magistrate Courts in Jamaica. USAID will provide automated equipment and fund training for court reporters to institute automated court reporting in the Magistrate Courts. With USAID-supported technical assistance, the Justice Training Institute will train judges, magistrates, and court staff in areas such as judicial writing, sentencing, and evidence. A public education outreach initiative will be developed to inform the public of the operations of the judicial system. An additional \$200,000, included in S.O. 598-021 in the FY 2003 CBJ, will be dedicated to this activity. The principal contractor is the Justice Training Institute.

FY 2004 Program:

Engaging civil society in issues of governance (\$800,000 DA). USAID plans to expand the NGO network to include additional organizations and establish an information clearinghouse to serve as the vehicle for the network to collect and analyze information that will influence legislative and policy decision making. A public education campaign may be developed to raise citizens' awareness on key issues related to the democratic process as well as human and constitutional rights and responsibilities.

Improve community-police relations (\$1,100,000 DA). USAID plans to support training for police officers in advanced community policing techniques as well as training of constabulary staff on new procedures and purchase of computer equipment for the newly established model police station. Combined training of police officers and community residents might continue around themes such as trust building and domestic violence prevention. The replication of community policing precepts in another inner city community is projected.

Improve the efficiency of the justice system (\$600,000 DA). USAID plans to implement recommendations arising from a study of the court system that will be completed in 2003. Consideration may be given to extending judicial training and training for court reporters for the Supreme Court.

Performance and Results: USAID has contributed to a free and fair democratic national election in Jamaica. Institutional strengthening and technical support to the Citizens' Action for Free and Fair Elections enabled the local civic organization to train and mobilize 2,500 local volunteers to observe the elections, 500 more than targeted. This network of enthusiastic volunteers will be maintained and expanded in coming months in order to capitalize upon the new volunteer spirit that is growing throughout the island. USAID also granted support to the Carter Center, which fielded a 60-person delegation of international observers who contributed to the scrutiny and transparency of the general elections. The good work of the Electoral Office of Jamaica, together with the broad presence of observer groups on Election Day, helped ensure that the elections were relatively violence free and gave important credibility to the final results. Intensive consultations have taken place with members from the Police Executive Research Forum, the Jamaica Constabulary Force, and member of the Grants Pen community to advance implementation of the community-police initiatives. USAID sponsored two officers with operational responsibility to attend the Community Policing Conference held in Washington, D.C., in July 2002. Procurement of computer equipment to help modernize the magistrates and supreme courts by introducing an automated case flow system and a standby power system is near completion.

Successful implementation of this program will improve good governance in Jamaica and build assurance of citizens' security and respect for the rule of law.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Jamaica

532-008 Strengthening Democracy and Governance in Jamaica	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2001		
Obligations	0	995
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	995
Fiscal Year 2002		
Obligations	0	2,000
Expenditures	0	32
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	0	2,995
Expenditures	0	32
Unliquidated	0	2,963
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2003 NOA		
Obligations	2,800	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	2,800	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	2,500	0
Future Obligations	4,505	0
Est. Total Cost	9,805	2,995